



Environmental Management System ISO 14001

Self-assessment checklist

Where is your organization on the path to environmental management maturity?

Reducing the environmental impact of your organization's operations not only contributes to a healthier planet but also inspires stakeholder trust.

Organizations that recognize the benefits of a sustainable model and seek to mature their environmental management practices are best positioned to thrive in changing environmental conditions.



Introducing ISO 14001 – Environmental Management System

ISO 14001 provides the requirements for an environmental management system based on internationally recognized best practice. It is a valuable tool for managing and improving your organization's environmental performance.

This management system helps identify and mitigate environmental risks, reduce resource consumption, and foster an eco-responsibility culture, accelerating progress towards a greener, more sustainable future.

The benefits of certification

Independent certification demonstrates your organization's commitment to excellence. By gaining third-party assurance that your environmental management system (EMS) meets the requirements of ISO 14001, you can inspire confidence in your ability to reduce environmental impacts and manage risks with an internationally recognized mark of excellence.

Clauses included in this self-assessment

Clause 4 - Context of the Organization

Clause 5 - Leadership

Clause 6 - Planning

Clause 7 - Support

Clause 8 - Operation

Clause 9 - Performance Evaluation

Clause 10 - Improvement

How the self-assessment works

By filling in the checklist on the next few pages you can gauge what stage of maturity your EMS is currently at, and what actions you can take next. No matter where you are in your environmental management journey, our range of solutions can help you move forward.

Please fill in the checklists below, each 'yes' counts as one point towards your final score and subsequent maturity range.

Snapshot of our EMS maturity scores

Early stage

0-12 Points:

Begin with our EMS training courses to solidify your foundational knowledge and practical skills in managing environmental impact.

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Moderate stage

13-19 Points:

Consider a Gap Assessment to align your current practices with future goals, enhancing performance through standards. To achieve maturity, training courses should be a key consideration.

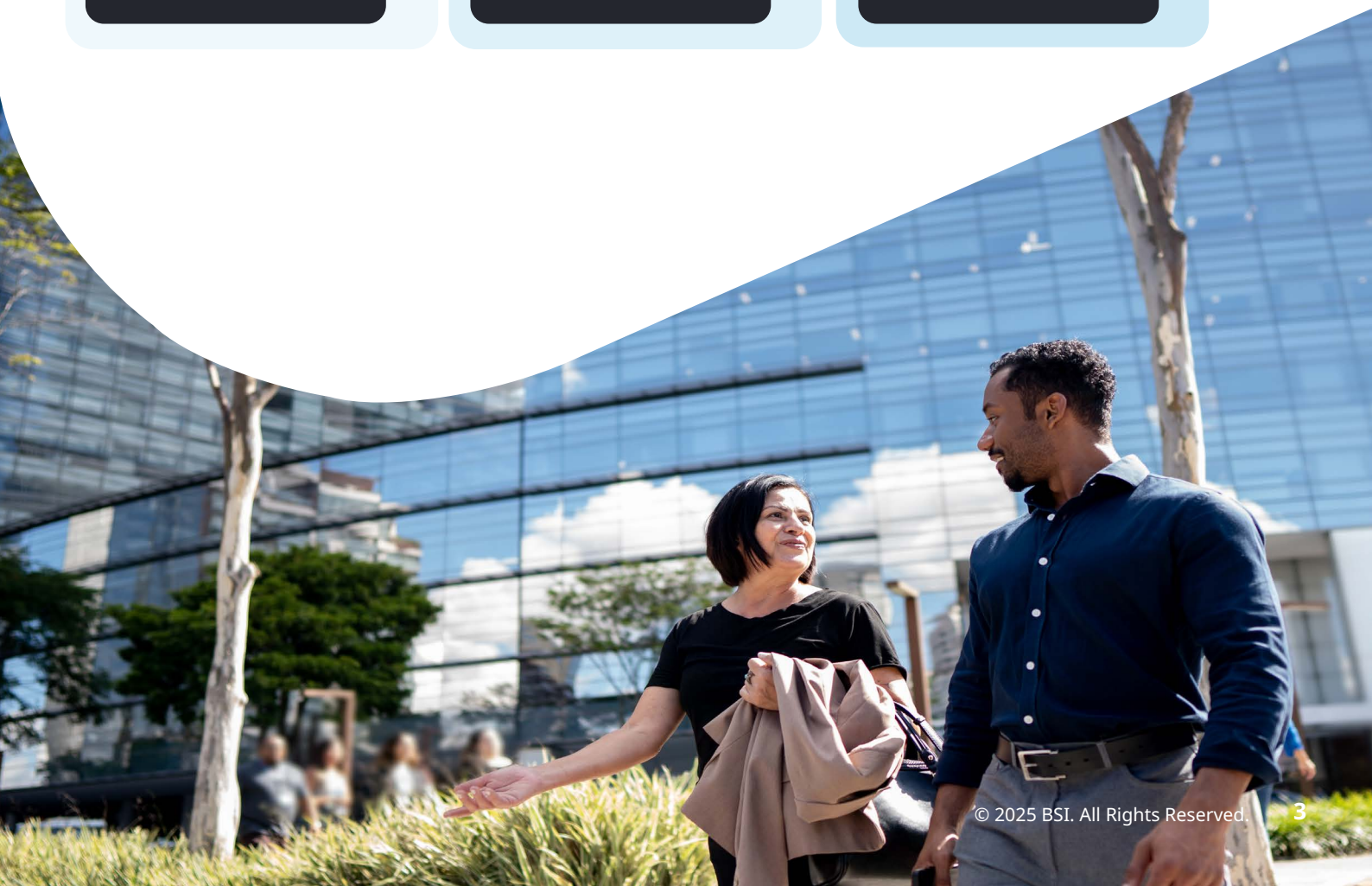
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Mature stage

20-27 Points:

Pursue ISO 14001 certification to distinguish your EMS, confirming and demonstrating your industry leading, environmental management practices. Training courses for the continued development of staff will also help you achieve full-scale maturity.

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Your EMS self-assessment checklist

Clause 4 - Context of the Organization

	Yes	No
1 The organization has identified and understands the factors (both internal and external) that can affect our ability to achieve the intended outcomes of the EMS, this includes climate change.	☐	☐
2 Has the organization identified interested parties and their needs and expectations, and if you will adopt any of these as compliance obligations?	☐	☐
3 Has the organization determined the boundaries and applicability of the Environmental Management System (EMS)?	☐	☐
4 Has the organization established an EMS?	☐	☐

Clause 5 - Leadership

5 Has top management committed to establishing an EMS and providing effective leadership in the continual improvement of the system?	☐	☐
6 Has the organization established an environmental policy?	☐	☐
7 Has the organization assigned responsibilities and authorities in respect of the EMS?	☐	☐

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Clause 6 - Planning

	Yes	No
8 Does the organization follow a process that determines risks and opportunities?	☐	☐
9 Have the risks and opportunities been considered with regard to the context of the organization and the needs and expectations of interested parties?	☐	☐
10 Has the organization identified and evaluated its environmental aspects and impacts, and identified the risks and opportunities associated with adverse and beneficial impacts?	☐	☐
11 Has the organization determined and have access to its compliance obligations and determined how these apply?	☐	☐
12 Has the organization established an action plan to address the identified risks and opportunities?	☐	☐
13 Does the organization have plans in place to achieve environmental objectives?	☐	☐

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Clause 7 - Support

		Yes	No
14	Has the organization provided adequate resources (including human, technological and financial) for establishing, maintaining and continually improving EMS?	☐	☐
15	Has the organization determined if the people working under the EMS have the competencies and/or training required to do so successfully so that the performance of the EMS isn't compromised?	☐	☐
16	Has the organization promoted awareness of environmental management so that people understand what will be required of them and if they have the right skills and competencies?	☐	☐
17	Has the organization planned, implemented and maintained a communication process operating internally and externally, that takes compliance obligations into account and is consistent with the information generated by the EMS?	☐	☐
18	Has the organization established, maintained and sufficiently controlled documented information as required by the standard and determined necessary by the organization?	☐	☐

Clause 8 - Operation

19	Has the organization determined, planned and implemented control of the processes to meet the requirements of the EMS?	☐	☐
20	Has the organization considered the life cycle perspective where appropriate when procuring products and services, designing its products and services, communications with contractors and end users?	☐	☐
21	Has the organization established and implemented a process specifying how it will respond to potential environmental emergency situations?	☐	☐

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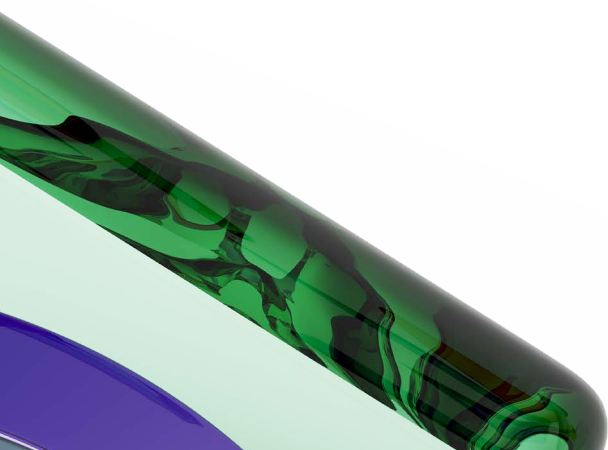
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Clause 9 - Performance Evaluation

	Yes	No
22 Has the organization determined details, methods and frequency of areas of operation that need to be monitored, measured, analyzed and evaluated in order to establish the performance and effectiveness of the EMS?	☐	☐
23 Has the organization established and implemented a process to evaluate the organization's level of conformances with its compliance obligations, recording the results?	☐	☐
24 Has the organization established, implemented and maintained an EMS internal audit program and documented evidence of the results?	☐	☐
25 Has the organization undertaken management reviews of the EMS, does the output of the review include opportunities to improve the integration of the EMS into other business processes if needed?	☐	☐

Clause 10 - Improvement

26 Does the organization react effectively to any nonconformity identified within its EMS and maintain documented information where appropriate?	☐	☐
27 Does the organization continually improve its EMS to enhance its environmental performance?	☐	☐



Your score

0

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Scored 0-12 points >

Scored 13-19 points >

Scored 20-27 points >



If you scored 0-12 points...

Elevate your EMS skills and knowledge with courses & qualifications from BSI

Based on your organization's EMS maturity score, we'd recommend exploring our dedicated environmental management courses and qualifications for you and your team. Developed in conjunction with leading industry experts, our environmental and sustainability training courses and qualifications provide relevant and up-to-date skills and knowledge. Our courses can help you to interpret and understand the ISO 14001 standard requirements and how to audit the management system. We also offer courses and qualifications focused on key skills that bolster your abilities and knowledge as an environmental professional, such as net zero, energy management, water efficiency, and more.

Wherever you are on your journey, whatever your role, we have a course to help you be more efficient at what you do.

Explore our courses and qualifications





If you scored 13-19 points...

Elevate your EMS with a BSI Gap Assessment

Based on your organization's maturity score, you may benefit from a Gap Assessment from our expert auditors ahead of pursuing certification.

A Gap Assessment with BSI provides you with a method of assessing your current situation against future goals, pinpointing areas where your existing program does not meet the requirements of ISO 14001. Our auditors are uniquely positioned to help you, thanks to their significant experience and expertise in environmental management across many industry sectors. Following your assessment, you'll have information to act upon taking your EMS maturity to the next level, progressing your organization towards achieving ISO 14001 certification.

Visit our website to find out more >

Getting the right skills and knowledge embedded in your organization will enhance your EMS. Explore our courses and qualifications [here](#).



If you scored 20-27 points...

Elevate your EMS with ISO 14001 Certification

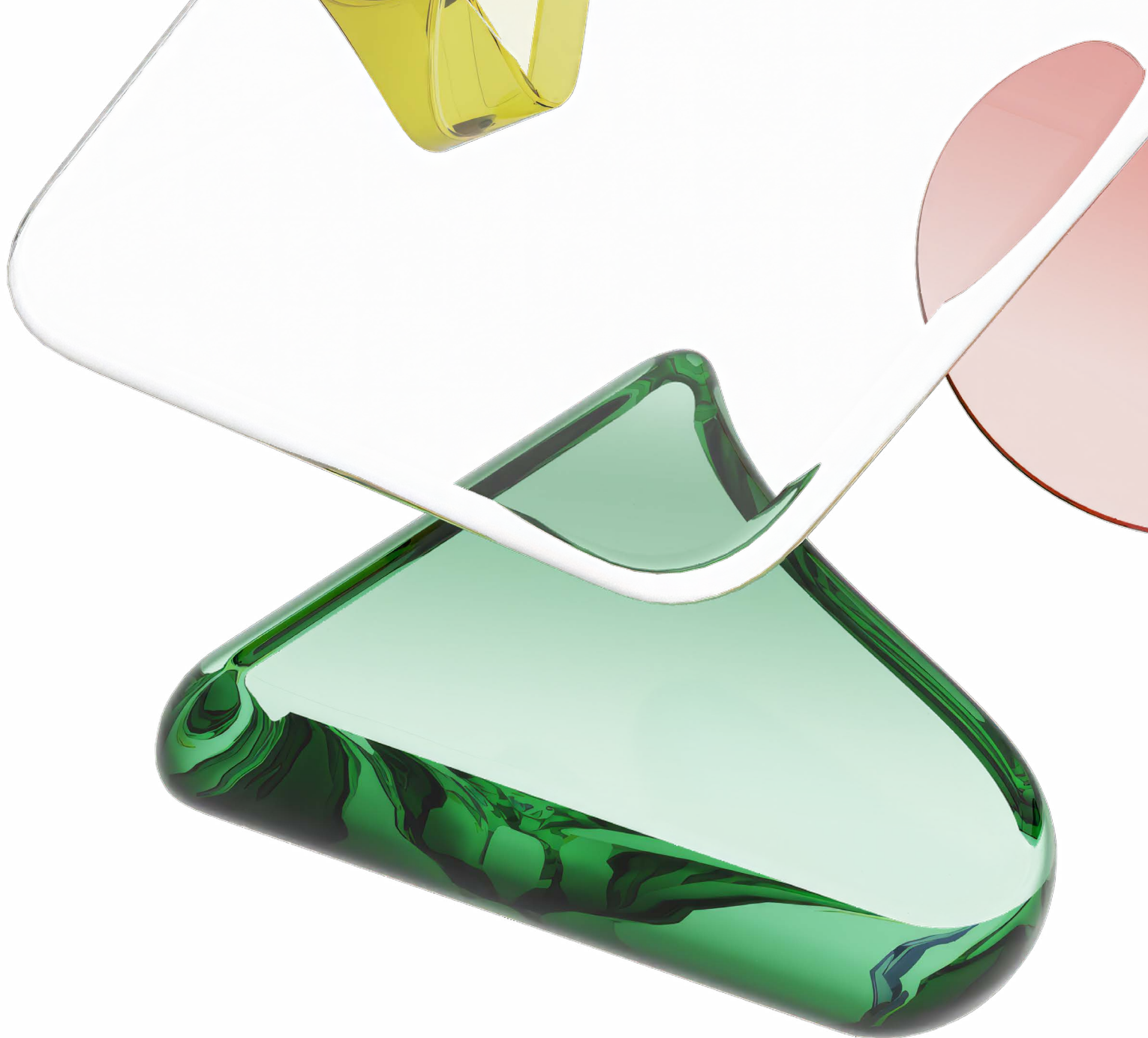
Based on your organization's preparedness score, you may be ready to achieve ISO 14001 certification.

Once you successfully complete the certification audit, BSI awards you with an accredited and internationally recognized certificate. This acknowledges your organization's commitment to operational efficiency, environmental risk management, regulatory compliance and continual improvement inspiring confidence and trust in your organization from employees and external parties.

Certification with BSI comes with the confidence of partnering with an independent, trusted, global organization. Our expert and qualified auditors have a deep knowledge of environmental management across industries, so they understand your needs and challenges.

Reach out to our team to get started





Your partner
in progress